

September 3, 2008

**RE: Essay Contest for Tennessee High School Seniors
Please Post and Distribute**

In an effort to encourage students to become more financially literate, the Securities Division for the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance is sponsoring an essay contest for high school seniors in Tennessee. Through enforcement of the Tennessee Securities Act of 1980 to maintain the integrity of the securities market, the division also promotes investor education and the prevention of fraud in the securities industry.

We need your help in publicizing this contest. Students will be asked to write an essay on the subject of financial literacy and investor education. (See attached sheets with essay topic and the contest rules.)

There will be two winners from each division of the state, East, Middle and West. First place winners will receive a \$1,500.00 savings bonds with second place awarded a \$1,000.00 savings bond.

Deadline for entries is November 28th. See contest rules, attached, for entry information. We are sending to all high schools throughout the state and will publish the information on our website: www.tn.gov/commerce/securities. Please post the attached notice and alert your seniors of this contest.

We will present the certificates and savings bond during the school's senior awards program at the end of the school year 2009.

If you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact me at 800.863.9117 or 615.253.8722, or Patsy.Holt@state.tn.us. Thank you for your cooperation and Good Luck to Your Seniors.

Attachments